

## **Chapter 10.30**

### **PEDESTRIANS**

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#### **10.30.010 Pedestrians; Prohibited Crossing.**

- (a) Between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are in operation, pedestrians shall not cross at any place except in a crosswalk.
  - (b) No pedestrian shall cross a roadway other than in a crosswalk in a congested district.
  - (c) No pedestrian shall cross a roadway other than in a crosswalk upon any arterial street.
- (Ord. 15640 §1; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.60.010: Ord. 8306 §1; January 20, 1964: prior Ord. 5699 §1401; April 12, 1954).

#### **10.30.020 Pedestrian Control Signals.**

At such intersections where a special automatic pedestrian control signal is installed and in operation, pedestrians crossing or entering such intersection shall be governed by such automatic signal as follows:

**WALK:** Pedestrians facing the word "walk" or an equivalent symbol when displayed by such signal may proceed across the intersection in the direction of such signal and shall have the right-of-way over any vehicle in or entering such intersections.

**DON'T WALK:** Pedestrians facing the words "don't walk" or an equivalent symbol when displayed by such signal shall not enter or cross such intersection unless they had started to cross such intersection at the time such signal was displayed, in which event they shall complete their crossing of such intersection. (Ord. 15640 §2; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.24.041: Ord. 8282 §18; December 16, 1963).

#### **10.30.030 Blind Defined.**

For purposes of this chapter, blind shall mean any person whose visual acuity as determined by competent authority is no more than 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses and whose widest

diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance of no greater than twenty percent. (Ord. 15640 §3; July 9, 1990:).

**10.30.040 Use of White Canes by Blind Persons.**

It shall be unlawful for any person who is not blind to carry or use upon the streets, highways, or public places of the city any cane or walking stick which is white in color. The term "white in color" as used herein shall mean painted or enameled white and not unpainted or natural wood color. (Ord. 15640 §4; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.60.020: Ord. 5699 §1402; April 12, 1954).

**10.30.050 Duty of Drivers to Blind Pedestrians.**

Any driver or operator of a motor vehicle or other vehicle who approaches or comes into proximity of a person carrying a white cane or walking stick shall immediately come to a full stop if such person is in the path of, or about to enter, or approaching the path of the motor vehicle or other vehicle and shall take such precaution before proceeding as may be necessary to avoid accident or injury to such person carrying a white cane or walking stick. (Ord. 15640 §5; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.60.030: Ord. 5699 §1403; April 12, 1954).

**10.30.060 Pedestrians; Soliciting Rides in a Roadway Prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to stand in a roadway for the purpose of soliciting a ride from the occupant of any vehicle. (Ord. 15640 §6; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.60.050: Ord. 10588 §1; October 9, 1972: prior Ord. 5699 §1405, as amended by Ord. 7312; October 10, 1960).

**10.30.070 Pedestrians; Persons Under Sixteen Years of Age; Solicitation of Rides Unlawful.**

It shall be unlawful for any person under sixteen years of age to solicit a ride in any manner from the occupant of any vehicle. (Ord. 15640 §7; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.60.051: Ord. 10588 §2; October 10, 1972).

**10.30.080 Pedestrians; Soliciting Employment, Business, or Contribution Prohibited.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to solicit employment, business, or contributions from the occupants of any vehicle when such person is on or within any public right-of-way. (Ord. 15640 §8; July 9, 1990: P.C. §10.60.055: Ord. 10588 §3; October 10, 1972).

**10.30.090 Pedestrians, Stop for Railroad Tracks or Crossings.**

(a) A pedestrian approaching a railroad track or railroad crossing shall stop no less than fifteen feet from the nearest rail, crossing gate, barrier or cross-arm (whichever is closer to the pedestrian) and shall not proceed until it is safe to do so whenever:

(1) A clearly visible or audible electric or mechanical signal device gives warning of the immediate approach of a railroad train;

(2) A crossing gate, barrier, or cross-arm is lowered; or a flagman or other authorized individual gives a visible signal of the approach of a railroad train;

(3) An approaching railroad train is plainly visible from such crossing or emits a signal audible from such crossing and such railroad train, by reasons of its speed or proximity to such crossing, constitutes an immediate hazard.

(b) No person shall proceed through, over, or under any crossing gate, cross-arm, or barrier at a railroad crossing while such cross-arm or gate or barrier is closed or is being opened or closed.

(c) No pedestrian shall proceed through, over, or under any train, whether stopped or moving. (Ord. 15817 §1; January 28, 1991).